

Treasures of the Civilian Conservation Corp Program at Ouabache State Park May 31 at 7:00 in the Trails End Shelter (across road from campground)

Have you ever really looked at the shelters at Ouabache State Park? How about Kunkle Lake? Have you heard stories from relatives about the Great Depression?

These amazing manmade works were done by young men of the Civilian Conservation Corp (CCC). A program designed to give men jobs during our nation's toughest time, the Great Depression.



Friends of Ouabache State Park and Ouabache State Park will present a Civilian Conservation Corp photo rich program May 31 at 7:00pm in the Trails End Shelter, which is a CCC structure. The Friends will have CCC memorabilia to view. After the program, participants will be encouraged to tour the park to view CCC structures that were built in the mid 1930's when the property was CCC camp number 1592.

Friends of Ouabache State Park are actively raising the remaining funds to bring and install a Civilian Conservation Corp Statue at the park. There is currently only one statue located in southern Indiana at Versailles State Park. Ouabache would be the northern site. Ohio has three statues and Michigan has five. Bluffton resident Wayne Lydy, 91 years old, is currently one of the oldest CCC veterans in Indiana. He and his daughter, Myra Myrtle, Friends president, are the driving force and visionaries to get the statue at the park.

For questions about the program contact Myra Myrtle at 260-273-1686 or Jody Heaston at jheaston@dnr.in.gov



If you are interested in contributing toward the Civilian Conservation Corp statue, checks can be written to Friends of Ouabache State Park with Ouabache Statue project written in the memo. It is tax deductible.

Checks can be mailed to
Ouabache State Park
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